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NEW HAMPSHIRE

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TOWN OFFICERS

MODERATOR

LYLE R. HEATH

SELECTMEN

SAMUEL P. PHILBRICK THOMAS A. ROACH
FLOYD W. WHITE

CLERK

ANTOINETTE N. HAGGETT

TREASURER

WILSON S. MANSFIELD

TAX COLLECTOR

LYLE R. HEATH

HEALTH OFFICER

DONALD J. LEITH

POLICE CHIEF

VICTOR N. ALLARD

LIBRARIAN

ANTOINETTE N. HAGGETT

ROAD AGENT

PHILIP BRYANT

SCHOOL BOARD

ROLLAND KIMBALL SUE ROBERTS
RICHARD WESTON

LIBRARY TRUSTEES

LYLE R. HEATH MARION MANSFIELD
CARRIE CUSHING

TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUNDS

S. OAKLEIGH SWAIN STANLEY HILL
RUSSELL H. CUSHING

AUDITORS

HERBERT E. HUNT ROBERT FLANDERS
Div. of Municipal Acct., State House, Concord

SUPERVISORS

ELLIS N. BLAISDELL ARTHUR HILL
CLARENCE DEARBORN
HON. CHARLES W. ROEDER

REPRESENTATIVE TO THE GENERAL COURT

TOWN WARRANT

THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

To the inhabitants of the Town of Belmont in the county of Belknap in said State, qualified to vote in town affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at Community Hall, First Floor, in said Belmont on Tuesday, the 9th day of March, next, at nine of the clock in the foreoon to act upon the following subjects:

(1) To choose all necessary town officers for the year ensuing.

(2) To choose one Selectman for three years, one Trustee of the Public Libary for three years, one Trustee of the Trust Funds for three years.

(3) To see what action the Town will take upon the budget as recommended by the Budget Committee.

(4) To see if the Town will vote to allow a discount of 2% on all taxes paid within thirty days of the presentation of tax bills.

(5) To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen and Town Treasurer to borrow a sum or sums not exceeding in the aggregate $40,000.00 in anticipation of the collection of taxes for the current municipal year, and to issue in the name of and on the credit of the Town negotiable notes therefor, said notes to be repaid during the current municipal year.

(6) To see what the Town will vote to do with the income from the John M. Sargent fund.

(7) To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to refinance and/or renew any loans which may become due during the current municipal year.

(8) To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $179.00 which is 1/100 of 1% of the assessed valuation of the Town to the Lakes Region Association for the purpose of publicizing and promoting the natural advantages and resources of the Town, in cooperation with other towns in the Lakes Region.

(9) To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of $50.00 to be used for the purchase of street signs for various part of the Town.

(10) To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to sell any tax deeded property which has been purchased by the Town in lieu of payment of taxes; manner of sale to be left to the discretion of the Selectmen, same to remain in force until rescinded by the voters of the Town.

(11) To see if the Town will vote to purchase a new grader for the Highway Department. Also to authorize the Selectmen to borrow a sum not to exceed its purchase price, and to issue in the name of and on the credit of the Town negotiable notes therefor, said notes to be paid over a period not to exceed seven years.

(12) To see if the Town will vote to discontinue what is known as the Swallow Road from the Durrell Mountain Road to the Gilford Town Line, subject to gates and bars.

(13) To see if the Town will vote to close the Brown Road leading from present fence to entrance of driveway of Silas Axtell.

(14) To see if the Town will vote to require persons to obtain building permits from the Selectmen for the purposes of maintaining standards of health and fire protection in accordance with State and local laws and regulations and in conformity to safe and sanitary construction practice.

(15) To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

Given under our hands and seal, this 19th day of February, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and fifty-four

SAMUEL P. PHILBRICK,
THOMAS A ROACH,
FLOYD W. WHITE,
Selectmen of Belmont

A true copy of Warrant—Attest:

SAMUEL P. PHILBRICK,
THOMAS A ROACH,
FLOYD W. WHITE,
Selectmen of Belmont

SELECTMEN'S REPORT

It is our desire to bring to your attention some of the activities of the past year, most of which are covered by reports from various departments on the following pages of the town report.

TAX RATE

It appeared to be the concensus of opinion when the appropriations were known after the town meeting that the tax rate would be more than that of the previous year. However, we were pleased to find that new property and careful appraisal had contributed in making the tax rate $60.00 instead of $63.00, the 1952 rate. We wish further to state that all assessments are approved by the entire board, and not by any one selectman. We endeavor to perform our duty without prejudice or partiality, and to the best of our ability.

TOWN HALL

There were one thousand dollars appropriated to paint the Town Hall. Due to the fact that the amount was inadequate to complete the work in its entirety, the amount was not spent. There is a recommendation by the Budget Committee for twenty-two hundred dollars for improvements to the outside of the building during 1954.

HIGHWAYS

The highways in general show improvements. Jamestown Road has been tarred from Four Corners, Route 140, to the power house bridge in Lochmere. Burleigh Hill will be tarred and completed this summer.

T. R A.

The Ladd Hill project will be started this summer. Bushes have been cut on the Horne Road, and Seavey Road from Ackleys Corner to the Northfield line.

SIDEWALKS

The sidewalk from Ralph Bryant's corner to the Baptist Church has been completed. Fuller, Sargent and High streets, and around the Town Hall have been newly tarred, a much needed improvement.

CIVIL DEFENSE

David Riccard, Jr., is doing nice work in organizing a group of local citizens for this worthy cause. He deserves the cooperation of every citizen.

BUDGET OF THE TOWN OF BELMONT

Estimates of Revenue and Expenditures for the Ensuing Year
January 1, 1954 to December 31, 1954.
Compared with
Estimated and Actual Revenue, Appropriations and Expenditures
of the Previous Year January 1, 1953 to December 31, 1953.

Sources of Revenue	Estimated Revenue Previous Year 1953	Actual Revenue Prev. Yr. 1953	Estimated Revenue Ensuing Year 1954
From State:			
Interest and Div. Tax	$508.73	$508.73	$500.00
Railroad Tax	50.00	54.65	50.00
Savings Bank Tax	170.00	218.86	200.00
Reimbursement a/c Exemption of Growing Wood and Timber	1,087.80		
From Local Sources Except Taxes:			
Dog Licenses	600.00	573.00	575.00
Business Licenses, Permits and Filing Fees	50.00	100.50	50.00
Rent of Town Hall & Other Budgs.	25.00	66.00	50.00
Interest Received on Taxes and Deposits	1,500.00	1,380.40	1,300.00
Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	4,000.00	4,847.26	4,500.00
From Local Taxes Other Than Property Taxes:			
Poll Taxes—Regular @ $2	1,322.00	584.00	1,000.00
TOTAL REVENUES FROM ALL SOURCES EXCEPT PROPERTY TAXES	$9,313.53	$8,333.40	$8,225.00

Purposes of Expenditures	Approp. previous year 1953	Actual Expenditures Previous year 1953	Approp. recommended by Budget Com. 1954
Current Maintenance Expenses:			
General Government:			
Town Officers' Salaries	$3,300.00	$3,627.87	$3,500.00
Tow Officers' Expenses	1,650.00	1,552.16	1,700.00
Election and Registration Exp.	150.00	84.50	350.00
Special Audit	775.00	775.51	
Expenses Town Hall and Other Town Bldgs.	3,400.00	2,400.81	4,700.00
Protection of Persons and Property:			
Police Department	650.00	650.00	650.00
Fire Department	3,575.00	3,924.04	3,950.00
Moth Exterm.—Blister Rust and Care of Trees	200.00	200.00	200.00
Health:			
Health Dept., Including Hospitals	570.00	1,111.16	570.00
Town Dump & Garbage Removal	2,100.00	1,986.00	2,100.00
Highways and Bridges:			
Town Maintenance—Summer	6,500.00	6,387.52	6,500.00
Town Maintenance—Winter	4,500.00	3,332.10	4,000.00
Street Lighting	1,700.00	1,729.71	1,700.00
General Expenses of Hghy. Dept.	5,500.00	5,415.80	5,500.00
Town Road Aid	775.22	775.22	751.43
Tarring Roads and Culverts	1,800.00	2,471.97	
Libraries:	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
Public Welfare:			
Town Poor	2,000.00	1,991.01	3,000.00
Old Age Assistance	4,800.00	6,382.25	7,000.00
Patriotic Purposes:			
Memorial Day and Veterans' Assn.	150.00	150.00	150.00
Aid to Soldiers and Their Families	125.00	125.00	125.00
Public Service Enterprises:			
Cemeteries	150.00	125.00	50.00
Hydrant Rent	2,320.00	2,320.00	2,320.00

Unclassified:			
Damages and Legal Expenses, Incl. Dog Damage	200.00	274.83	300.00
Advertising and Regional Assoc.	177.00	177.00	179.00
Employees' Retirement and Social Security	180.00	213.46	300.00
Interest:			
On Temporary Loans	500.00	978.11	1,000.00
On Bonded Debt	550.00		
Highways and Bridges:			
Town Construction	1,400.00	400.00	1,700.00
Sidewalk Construction	300.00	500.00	
New Equipment	2,500.00	2,500.00	2,000.00
Indebtedness:			
Payment on Principal of Debt:			
Bonds	500.00	500.00	500.00
Long Term Notes	3,500.00	3,500.00	3,500.00
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	$57,497.22	$57,451.03	$59,425.43

ROYAL W. SMITH, Chm.
ELLIS N. BLAISDELL, Clerk
MILES N. BENNETT
CHESTER A. RANDLETT
AURIL R .TASKER
ALFRED J. PEARCE
JOSEPH L. BOUTIN
RALPH B. BRISTOL
STANLEY F HILL
JOHN F. MOYNIHAN
HOMER BRYANT
THOMAS A. ROACH

Budget Committee

REPORT OF TOWN CLERK
January 1st, 1953 to December 31st, 1953

DOG LICENSES—1953			
198 Males @ $2.00		$396.00	
24 Females @ 5.00		120.00	
4 Kennels @ 10.00		40.00	
1 Kennel @ 15.00		15.00	
			$571.00
AUTO PERMITS—1953			
Number of Pleasure Cars	706		
Number of Tractors	50		
Number of Trucks	130		
Number of Trailers	4		
Number of Motorcycles	7		
	897		
			4,849.26
			$5,420.26
Filing Fees			$9.00

TOWN TREASURER'S REPORT

Detailed Statement of Receipts

1953

January

1	CASH ON HAND		$17,968.48
15	State Treasurer, refund on Old-Age-Asst.	$19.55	
24	Peter Drouin, revolver permit	.50	
	Henry LaBrecque, revolver permit	.50	
31	Out dated check, payment stopped	17.88	
	Out dated check, payment stopped	39.94	
	Antoinette Haggett, auto permits	81.44	
		159.81	18,128.29

February

7	American Legion, rent of Town Hall	12.00	
	Clement Hamilton, telephone calls	4.74	
	State Treasurer, forest fire expense	50.50	
	" " investigation expense	10.72	
	Philip Bryant, telephone calls	1.55	
7	Antoinette Haggett, auto permits	80.96	
12	" " auto permits	130.00	
14	" " auto permits	150.00	
14	Lyle R. Heath, 1953 property tax	1,100.00	
	" " " 1952 poll tax	84.00	
	" " " 1952 property tax	2,995.46	
	" " " 1952 yield tax	573.80	
	" " " 1952 interest	19.70	
	" " " 1952 head tax	250.00	
	" " " 1952 head tax penalties	26.50	
	" " " 1951 poll tax	8.00	
	" " " 1951 yield tax	20.00	
	" " " 1951 head tax	10.00	
	" " " 1951 head tax penalties	1.00	
	" " " 1951 taxes redeemed	14.50	
	" " " 1951 interest	1.83	
	" " " 1950 poll tax	4.00	
21	Thomas Roach, revolver permit	.50	

28	Antoinette Haggett, auto permits	100.00	
	" " auto permits	200.00	
		5,849.76	23,978.05

March

7	Antoinette Haggett, filing fees	9.00	
	" " auto permits	133.20	
14	" " auto permits	600.00	
18	" " auto permits	297.72	
21	Lyle R. Heath, 1953 poll taxes	4.00	
	" " " 1953 property taxes	1,222.00	
	" " " 1952 poll taxes	154.00	
	" " " 1952 property taxes	2,440.68	
	" " " 1952 yield taxes	87.75	
	" " " 1952 interest	27.92	
	" " " 1952 head tax	495.00	
	" " " 1952 head tax penalties	43.00	
	" " " 1951 poll tax	2.00	
	" " " 1951 yield tax	20.00	
	" " " 1951 head tax	5.00	
	" " " 1951 head tax penalties	.50	
23	Antoinette Haggett, auto permits	429.52	
27	" " auto permits	393.07	
28	" " auto permits	262.09	
	Valley Trust Co., temporary loan	10,000.00	
		16,626.45	40,604.50

April

4	Antoinette Haggett, auto permits	260.00	
	" " dog licenses	15.00	
18	Lyle R. Heath, 1953 property tax	1,150.00	
	" " " 1952 poll tax	136.00	
	" " " 1952 property tax	3,334.31	
	" " " 1952 yield tax	192.21	
	" " " 1952 interest	54.69	
	" " " 1952 head tax	450.00	
	" " " 1952 head tax penalties	45.50	
	" " " 1951 head tax	5.00	
	" " " 1950 taxes redeemed	400.00	
	" " " 1950 taxes redeemed	7.44	
	" " " 1950 interest	.88	
	" " " 1951 taxes redeemed	97.40	

	" " " 1951 interest	2.60	
27	Antoinette Haggett, dog licenses	26.00	
	" " auto permits	198.96	
	Harold B. Haggett, revolver permit	.50	
	Kenneth Nutter, deposit on yield tax	40.00	
		6,416.49	47,020.99
May			
12	Antoinette Haggett, dog licenses	26.00	
	" " auto permits	125.67	
18	" " auto permits	119.64	
18	" " dog licenses	37.00	
18	Lyle R. Heath, 1953 property taxes	1,150.00	
	" " " 1952 poll taxes	10.00	
	" " " 1952 property taxes	2,999.33	
	" " " 1952 yield taxes	313.00	
	" " " 1952 interest	85.72	
	" " " 1952 head tax	45.00	
	" " " 1952 head tax penalties	4.50	
	" " " 1951 yield tax	20.00	
	" " " 1950 property tax	15.43	
	" " " 1949 property tax	33.96	
	" " " 1950-51 taxes redeemed	74.18	
	" " " 1950-51 interest	11.68	
25	Valley Trust Co., temporary loan	25,000.00	
		30,071.11	77,092.10
June			
5	Antoinette Haggett, auto permits	119.84	
	" " dog licenses	16.00	
22	" " dog licenses	22.00	
	" " auto permits	111.51	
25	Lyle R. Heath, 1953 property tax	1,100.00	
	" " " 1952 poll tax	18.00	
	" " " 1952 property tax	3,659.85	
	" " " 1952 yield tax	270.60	
	" " " 1952 interest	115.36	
	" " " 1952 head tax	45.00	
	" " " 1952 head tax penalties	5.50	
	" " " 1949 taxes redeemed	10.71	
	" " " 1949 interest	2.20	

30	Antoinette Haggett, dog licenses	82.00	
		5,578.57	82,670.67

July

6	Antoinette Haggett, dog licenses	126.00	
11	" " auto permits	125.00	
15	Town of Northfield, forest fire	113.70	
	Selectmen, revolver permit	.50	
23	State Treasurer, use of town equipment	26.40	
24	Antoinette Haggett, dog licenses	154.00	
	" " auto permits	100.00	
29	Winnisquam Fire Dept., Beano permit	10.00	
	John Laroche, revolver permit	.50	
		656.10	83,326.77

August

4	Lyle R. Heath, 1953 property tax	275.00	
	" " " 1952 poll tax	14.00	
	" " " 1952 property tax	7,944.48	
	" " " 1952 interest	311.48	
	" " " 1952 head tax	35.00	
	" " " 1952 head tax penalties	3.50	
	" " " 1951 poll tax	4.00	
	" " " 1951 yield tax	20.00	
	" " " 1951 head tax	10.00	
	" " " 1951 head tax penalties	1.00	
	" " " 1949 property tax	90.00	
	" " " 1945 taxes redeemed	9.71	
	" " " 1945 interest	4.86	
	" " " 1948 taxes redeemed	67.67	
	" " " 1948 interest	15.62	
	" " " 1949 tax sales redeemed	192.44	
	" " " 1947 tax sales redeemed	52.84	
	" " " 1947 interest	17.79	
6	State Treasurer, interest & dividend tax	508.73	
14	Town of Tuftonboro, forest fire	301.05	
	Holy Name Society, Beano licenses	10.00	
	Winnisquam Fire Dept., Beano license	10.00	
15	Antoinette Haggett, dog license	33.00	
	" " auto permit	62.74	
29	" " auto permit	178.15	
29	Lyle R. Heath, 1953 property tax	3,265.00	

	"	"	"	1952 poll tax	13.00
	"	"	"	1952 property tax	1,667.83
	"	"	"	1952 interest	93.71
	"	"	"	1952 head tax	30.00
	"	"	"	1952 head tax penalties	3.00
	"	"	"	1949 property tax	119.88
	"	"	"	1950 poll tax	4.00
					15,369.89 98,696.66

September

9	State Treasurer, fire prevention	18.25	
10	Antoinette Haggett, dog licenses	36.00	
	" " auto permits	100.00	
		154.25	98,850.91

October

6	Antoinette Haggett, auto permits	136.80	
7	N. E. Tel. & Tel. Co., refund on rates	4.64	
15	Lyle R. Heath, 1953 poll tax	168.00	
	" " " 1953 property tax	12,044.90	
	" " " 1953 head tax	500.00	
	" " " 1952 poll tax	24.00	
	" " " 1952 property tax	4,637.44	
	" " " 1952 yield tax	158.32	
	" " " 1952 interest	368.21	
	" " " 1952 head tax	74.00	
	" " " 1952 head tax penalties	7.50	
	" " " 1951 poll tax	2.00	
	" " " 1951 yield tax	40.00	
	" " " 1951 head tax	5.00	
	" " " 1951 head tax penalties	.50	
	" " " 1950 poll tax	2.00	
	" " " 1949 property tax	100.00	
	" " " 1951 taxes redeemed	630.24	
	" " " 1952 taxes redeemed	57.73	
	" " " 1951 interest	45.80	
	" " " 1950 taxes redeemed	150.02	
	" " " 1950 interest	23.49	
	" " " 1951 tax sales redeemed	53.72	
	" " " 1950 tax sales redeemed	80.24	
	" " " 1951 interest	3.80	
	" " " 1950 interest	12.80	

17	Antoinette Haggett, auto permits	99.01	
21	State Treasurer, forest fire Shaw Mt.	254.50	
		19,684.66	118,535.57

November..

1	Antoinette Haggett, auto permits	60.00	
	" " auto permits	62.92	
4	Roland Kimball, revolver permit	.50	
	Chester Ober, revolver permit	.50	
	August Tetrault, deposit	156.00	
10	Lyle R. Health, 1953 poll taxes	212.00	
	" " " 1953 property taxes	35,761.85	
	" " " 1953 head taxes	690.00	
	" " " 1952 poll taxes	10.00	
	" " " 1952 interest	.50	
	" " " 1952 head tax	27.00	
	" " " 1952 head tax penalties	2.50	
	" " " rent town hall	4.00	
		36,987.77	155,523.34

December

3	Firemen, Social Security Tax	15.22	
8	Earl Hollins, forest fire	9.50	
12	Lyle R. Heath, 1953 poll taxes	384.00	
	" " " 1953 property taxes	18,697.87	
	" " " 1953 head tax	1,225.00	
	" " " 1953 head tax penalties	5.00	
	" " " 1952 property tax	4.73	
	" " " 1952 interest	.20	
	" " " 1952 head tax	5.00	
	" " " 1950 property tax	5.00	
	" " " 1952 taxes redeemed	98.97	
	" " " 1951 taxes redeemed	438.32	
	" " " 1952 interest	5.25	
	" " " 1951 interest	27.73	
14	State Treasurer, use of Town equipment	56.10	
16	State Treasurer, Savings Bank tax	218.86	
	State Treasurer, Railroad tax	54.65	
	Maurice Hueber, forest fire	48.00	
	State Treasurer, Pine Blister refund	7.00	
	Orton Humphrey, revolver permit	.50	
	Donald Leith, Social Security Tax	4.50	

	Clement Hamilton, revolver permit	.50	
22	Miles Bennett, tar for driveway	20.00	
	Dr. Berger Carlson, telephone calls	4.95	
	St. Joseph Church, tar for driveway	30.00	
	Treas. Belkap County, refund County tax	.01	
31	Antoinette Haggett, auto permits	129.02	
	State Treasurer, Old Age Asst. refund	18.75	
	Acme Oil Co., refund Town Aid	8.23	
	Water Dept., temporary loan	500.00	
	Lyle R. Heath, 1953 property tax	2,473.53	
	" " " 1953 poll tax	28.00	
	" " " 1953 yield tax	179.07	
	" " " 1953 head tax	100.00	
	" " " 1953 head tax penalties	8.00	
	" " " 1953 interest	1.03	
	" " " 1952 poll tax	2.00	
	" " " 1952 interest	.08	
	" " " 1951 yield tax	20.00	
	" " " 1951 property tax	6.15	
	" " " 1952 head tax	11.00	
	" " " 1952 head tax penalties	.50	
	" " " 1952 taxes redeemed	69.98	
	" " " 1952 interest	4.55	
	" " " 1951 taxes redeemed	84.92	
	" " " 1951 interest	11.26	
	" " " 1950 taxes redeemed	698.68	
	" " " 1950 interest	93.28	
	" " " 1949 taxes redeemed	316.53	
	" " " 1949 interest	16.38	
		26,147.80	181,671.14

Respectfully submitted,

WILSON S. MANSFIELD,
Treasurer

DETAILED STATEMENT OF PAYMENTS

TOWN OFFICERS' SALARY

Samuel Philbrick	$400.00	
Thomas Roach	500.00	
Floyd White	400.00	
Lyle Heath, Tax Collector	1,366.72	
Stanley Hill, Tax Collector	73.05	
Antoinette Haggett, Clerk	636.10	
Wilson Mansfield, Treasurer	150.00	
Russell Cushing, Trust Fund	50.00	
Donald Leith, Health Officer	52.00	
		$3,627.87

TOWN OFFICERS' EXPENSES

Samuel Philbrick	$50.00
Thomas Roach	50.00
Floyd White	50.00
Wilson Mansfield	50.00
Lyle Heath	72.65
Antoinette Haggett	26.85
New England Tel. & Tel. Co.	31.30
Edson Eastman Co., supplies	85.54
H .Brown, postage	24.17
Wheeler & Clark, invoice book	13.32
Belmont Hosiery Co., lights	4.12
Sargent Bros., supplies	9.20
Citizen Publishing Co., Town Reports	542.00
Citizen Publishing Co., ads	21.00
Mrs. H. Johnson, copying	1.50
Wheeler & Clark, supplies	34.91
Laconia Savings Bank, deposit box	3.00
Jeanette Noel, meals	29.95
Floyd White, stamps	10.00
Diamond Union Stamp Co., stamp	2.55
Lyle Heath, expenses	30.65
Boutin Ins. Co., insurance	232.00
R. Tilton, death records	.70
Chas. Raymond, transfer cards	32.80
George Philbrick, death record	.10
Chas. Rogers Co., supplies	9.15

Bonnie Vale Press, printing	8.25	
Robert Johnson, records	14.67	
Peoples National Bank, service charge	.83	
Miriam Liveris, copying	20.00	
Brown & Saltmarsh, supplies	1.70	
New Hampshire Tax Col. Assn., dues	3.00	
Sargent Bros., supplies	39.25	
Alta Heath, copying	25.00	
Charles Rogers Co., repairs to adding machine	15.00	
Branham Publishing Co., auto book	4.00	
		1,549.16

ELECTION AND REGISTRATION EXPENSE

Ellis Blaisdell, expense	$45.00	
Carl Sanborn, expense	15.00	
Bonnie Vale Press, ballots	12.50	
Chas. Jewett, ballot clerk	5.00	
Donald Leith, police	7.00	
		84.50

TOWN HALL EXPENSES

Belmont Hosiery Co., lights and heat	$1,301.47	
Clifford Robichaud, janitor	338.55	
George Greenwood, plumbing	498.70	
N. E. Tel. & Tel. Co., telephones	131.25	
Charles C. Rogers Co., equipment	43.95	
Donald Leith, repairs	5.39	
Boutin Insurance, insurance	31.50	
Alta Heath, water rent	50.00	
		2,400.81

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Victor Allard, salary and expense	$250.00	
Donald Leith, salary and expense	328.61	
William J. Nolan Co., signs	61.38	
H. P. Welch Co., freight	10.01	
		650.00

FIRE DEPARTMENT

N. E. Tel. & Tel. Co, telephones	$227.50	
Burleigh, Torry, fuel	162.45	
Boutin Ins. Co, insurance	460.66	
Belmont Hosiery Co., lights	16.84	

Walter Andreson, supplies	3.00	
Fred LaFlam, supplies	66.94	
N. H. Forestry & Recreation Dept., fire tools	90.12	
Lakes Region Mutual Aid, dues	6.00	
Chester Brickett, warden, forest fire	59.20	
Clement Hamilton, warden, forest fire	11.85	
Clement Hamilton, warden, Tilton fire	113.70	
Citizen Publishing Co., advertising	6.00	
Ellis Blaisdell, clerk, Winnisquam	750.00	
Norman Pynn, repairs	54.24	
Cass Garage, repairs	8.09	
American Fire Equipment Co., supplies	7.58	
Clement Hamilton, warden, services	55.23	
Clement Hamilton, warden, Ossipee fire	555.55	
Farrar Co., equipment	161.10	
Sudbury Laboratory, supplies	12.50	
Robert Bordeau, Treas., salaries	1,040.47	
Alta Heath, water	12.50	
		3,924.04

BLISTER RUST

State of New Hampshire	$200.00	
		200.00

BOUNTIES

Samuel Philbrick	$4.50	
Thomas Roach	15.00	
Floyd White	33.00	
		52.50

DAMAGE BY DOGS

Irene Dearborn ,	$6.83	
James Stearns	3.00	
Donald Leith	15.00	
		24.83

HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Donald Leith	$111.16	
		111.16

GARBAGE REMOVAL

George Clairmont, collection	$1,846.00	
Bull dozing, town dump	50.00	
		1,896.00

REFUNDS

Walter L'Esperance, motor vehicle	$ 3.47	
Ada M. Burque, motor vehicle	2.64	
Frank Butler, motor vehicle	8.37	
Herbert Mansfield, taxes	21.56	
Clayton Downs, taxes	25.00	
Charles Roeder, taxes	31.50	
		92.54

HEAD TAX

State of New Hampshire	$5,090.80	
		5,090.80

TOWN ROAD MAINTENANCE

Winter

Philip Bryant	$1,125.00	
Harold Reed	320.10	
Ralph Greene	917.50	
Horace Greene	87.00	
Parker Stroud	682.50	
Ralph Dole	42.00	
Charles Jewett	13.50	
Bernard Dube	38.00	
Archie Ellsworth	62.50	
Leo Poire	19.50	
Robert Leroux	24.50	
		3,332.10

Summer

Philip Bryant	$1,960.80
Ralph Greene	1,580.00
Parker Stroud	242.00
Horace Greene	307.00
Bernard Dube	14.00
Maurice Bourque	232.00
Ralph Dole	23.00
Leo Poire	13.50
Calvin Brown	51.50
Homer Bryant	5.00
Arthur Harris	105.00
Robert Bordeau	51.00
Harold Reed	1,575.22

Gerard Camire	102.00	
Chas. Jewett	31.50	
Clifford Brizer	9.00	
Clairmont Bros.	85.00	
		6,387.52

STREET LIGHTING

Belmont Hosiery Co.	$1,487.76	
Public Service Co.	241.95	
		1,729.71

GENERAL EXPENSE HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

Socony Vacuum Co., gas and oil	$1,409.43
Laconia Welding Co., repairs	15.70
Ralph Smith Corp., welding gas	76.82
W. D. Huse, supplies	12.47
W. D. Huse & Sons, supplies	18.67
Boutin, Insurance Co., insurance	794.09
Laconia Hardware, supplies	5.75
New England Tel. & Tel., telepehones	70.43
Cass Garage, repairs	3.65
C. E. Marden, repairs	3.15
Belmont Hosiery, lights	34.28
Norman Pynn, repairs	83.58
Lakes Region Feed Co., salt	231.20
Moody Motors, repairs	6.71
Brooksies, bulldozing	56.00
Ed. Lydiard, printing	5.50
N. H. Explosive Co., supplies	8.75
Tilton Sand & Gravel, material	156.09
Fred LaFlam, supplies	155.50
Belknap Tire Co., repairs	31.12
Milo Bacon, tile	286.00
Country Store of Laconia, tools	18.00
Laconia Electric, supplies	2.22
Atherton Farm Equipment, supplies	7.50
Sanel Auto Parts, repairs	63.15
Diamond Match Co., material	55.25
Leslie Roberts, bulldozing	220.00
Casellini-Venable Corp., parts	16.67
R. C. Hazelton, rent on loader, parts	1,063.71
Tilton Construction, compressor	60.80
Archie Maple, gravel	52.00

J. E. Faltin Co., freight	1.90	
Farrar Co., tank	100.00	
Page Belting Co, packing	7.50	
A. L. Forger, repairs	3.60	
Clairmont Bros., cement	28.00	
Carrigan Bros., repairs	3.00	
Murray Machine Co., repairs	46.93	
Heuber Lumber, material	89.40	
State Highway Garage, blades	16.26	
Frank Downing, gravel	44.00	
Granite State Asphalt Co., tar	38.52	
Alta Heath, water rent	12.50	
		5,415.80

LIBRARY

Belmont Library	$1,000.00	
		1,000.00

OLD AGE ASSISTANCE

State of New Hampshire	$6,382.25	
		6,382.25

TOWN POOR

Harry Howland, aid to Blanche Little	$167.00	
Sheldon Theal, aid to Blanche Little	125.00	
Bernice Patten	342.00	
Belmont Hosiery Co., Soldier aid	13.62	
Community Store, aid to B. Little	320.26	
Community Store, aid to Soldier	189.68	
Burleigh Torry, aid to Soldier	48.24	
Laconia Hospital, aid to E. Couch	78.00	
Laconia Hospital, aid to Frank Parent	162.00	
Prescott's Pharmacy, Soldier aid	11.28	
Prescott's Pharmacy, aid to Ralph Dule	2.99	
Virginia Hosiery Shop, aid to Soldier	11.44	
Nathan Brody, M. D., aid to Veteran	3.00	
Nathan Brody, M. D., aid to F. Parent	15.00	
Story Drug Store, aid to Veteran	2.50	
Chas. Tasker, aid to R. Dole	114.00	
Laconia Clinic, aid to E. Couch	34.00	
Wilkinson Ambulance, aid to E. Couch	10.00	
Belknap County Home, aid to E. Couch	316.00	
Dr. Brassard, aid to F. Parent	25.00	
		1,991.01

MEMORIAL DAY

Chas. Kilborn Post	$150.00	
		150.00

OLD HOME DAY

Belmont Old Home Day Assn.	$125.00	
		125.00

AUDITS

Division Municipal Acct., (special)	$558.04	
Division Municipal Acct. (regular)	197.47	
		755.51

SIDEWALK CONSTRUCTION

L. M. Pike & Co	$500.00	
		500.00

CEMETERIES

Russell Cushing, Trustee	$125.00	
		125.00

DAMAGES AND LEGAL EXPENSE

Robert V. Johnson, Brown case	$250.00	
		250.00

TAXES BOUGHT BY TOWN

Lyle Heath, Collector, Tax sale	$3,173.18	
		3,173.18

SOCIAL SECURITY PAYMENT

State of New Hampshire—		
Town's share	$213.23	
Employee's contribution	213.23	
		426.46

INTEREST

People's National Bank, notes, bonds	$543.11	
Valley Trust Co., temporary notes	435.00	
		978.11

HYDRANT RENTAL

Belmont Water Dept.	$2,320.00	
		2,320.00

SPECIAL BULLDOZER APPROPRIATION

Leslie Roberts	$400.00	
		400.00

TOWN CONSTRUCTION

Treas. State of N. H., material	$582.72	
Koppers Co., tar	1,084.25	
Ralph Greene, labor	9.00	
Horace Greene, labor	22.00	
Homer Bryant, labor	5.00	
Elmer Brooks, machinery and labor	769.00	
		2,471.97

LOAN

Water Department	$500.00	
		500.00

T.R.A.

State of New Hampshire	$775.22	
		775.22

ADVERTISING

Lakes Region Assn.	$177.00	
		177.00

NEW EQUIPMENT

Norman Pynn, truck	$2,335.00	
Farrar Co., pump	165.00	
		2,500 00

TEMPORARY LOANS

Valley Trust Co.	$35,000.00	
		35,000.00

NOTES AND BONDS

People's National Bank, note and bond	$3,500.00	
Laconia Savings Bank, bond	500.00	
		4,000.00

COUNTY TAX

Treas. Belknap County	$4,590.32	
		4,590.32

HOSPITALS

Laconia Hospital, 1952 and 1953	1,000.00	
		1,000.00

SCHOOL DISTRICT

Belmont School District	$52,011.01	
		52,011.01

REPORT

of an audit and examination

of the accounts of the

TOWN OF BELMONT

for the fiscal year ended December 31, 1953

made by

The Division of Municipal Accounting

State Tax Commission

1954

EXHIBIT A-1

TOWN OF BELMONT

Comparative Balance Sheet

As of December 31, 1952 and December 31, 1953

Assets	Revised December 31 1952		December 31, 1953	
Cash:				
In Hands of Treas.	$17,968.48			$23,710.63
In Hands of Coll.	23.46			
		$17,991.94		
Accounts Due Town:				
From State:				
Bounties	26.50			79.00.
Unredeemed Taxes:				
Levy of 1952	$		$2,927.18	
Levy of 1951	1,992.21		671.25	
Levy of 1950	2,832.93		1,407.28	
Levy of 1949	1,147.37		548.91	
Levies of Prior Years	1,039.33		425.75	
		7,011.84		5,980.37
Uncollected Taxes:				
Levy of 1953	$		$29,986.40	
Levy of 1952	32,783.34		1,081.87	
Levy of 1951	618.00		422.00	
Levy of 1950	265.46		218.05	
Levies of Prior Years	1,139.35		795.51	
State Head Taxes—				
Levy of 1953	-0-		1,685.00	
Levy of 1952	1,835.00		53.00	
Levy of 1951	325.00		290.00	
		36,966.19		34,531.83
Total Assets		$61,996.43		$64,301.83
Net Debt		93,362.64		82,284.65
Grand Total		$155,359.07		$146,586.48

Liabilities	December 31, 1952		December 31, 1953	
Unexpended Balances of Approp.:				
Health Dept. (Hospital)	$ 500.00			
Due Tax Collector:				
2% on Head Tax Collections	28.38			
School District:				
Appropriation	31,536.54			$31,202.36
State of New Hampshire:				
Uncollected State Head Taxes	$1,835.00		$1,685.00	
Col. but not Remitted	3,516.55		2,538.00	
		5,351.55		4,223.00
Yield Tax Deposits				40.00
Reserve for Future Loss a/c Yield Taxes		842.60		1,621.12
Long Term Notes Outstanding		23,600.00		19,600.00
Bonds Outstanding		93,500.00		89,900.00
Total Liabilities		$155,359.07		$146,586.48
Grand Total		$155,359.07		$146,586.48

EXHIBIT A-2

TOWN OF BELMONT

Analysis of Change in Financial Condition

Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1953

Net Debt — December 31, 1952	$93,362.64	
Net Debt — December 31, 1953	82,284.65	
Decrease in Net Debt		$11,077.99

Analysis of Change

Decreases in Net Debt:		
Net Budget Surplus	$3,873.45	
Long Term Notes Paid	4,000.00	
Bonds Paid by Water Department	3,600.00	
Head Taxes Paid State but not Collected	343.00	
Decrease in Accounts Payable	55.06	
		$11,871.51
Increases in Net Debt:		
Increase in Yield Tax Reserve	$778.52	
Decrease in Cash in Collector's Hands (Head Taxes)	15.00	
		793.52
Net Decrease		$11,077.99

EXHIBIT C-1
TOWN OF BELMONT
Summary of Warrant — Levy of 1953
Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1953

— DR. —			
Taxes Committed to Collector:			
Property Taxes	$107,440.08		
Poll Taxes	1,328.00		
Yield Taxes	1,972.03		
		$110,740.11	
Added Taxes:			
Property Taxes	$1,242.00		
Poll Taxes	232.00		
		1,474.00	
Interest Collected		1.03	
			$112,215.14
— CR. —			
Remittances to Treasurer:			
Property Taxes	$78,240.15		
Poll Taxes	796.00		
Yield Taxes	179.07		
Interest	1.03		
		$79,216.25	
Discounts Allowed		$1,170.99	
Abatements Allowed:			
Property Taxes	$1,633.50		
Poll Taxes	208.00		
		1,841.50	
Uncollected Taxes:			
Property Taxes	$27,637.44		
Poll Taxes	556.00		
Yield Taxes	1,792.96		
		29,986.40	
			$112,215.14

EXHIBIT C-2

TOWN OF BELMONT

Summary of Tax Warrants—Prior Years

Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1953

		Levies of:					
— DR. —	1952	1951	1950	1949	1948	1947	1946
Cash on Hand — December 31, 1952	$ 2.31	$ 6.15	$	$	$	$	$
Uncollected Taxes:							
Property Taxes	30,310.86	18.00	143.46	926.39	15.90	16.35	38.71
Poll Taxes	559.00	102.00	122.00	86.00	44.00	10.00	2.00
Yield Taxes (Revised)	1,913.47	498.00					
Added Taxes:							
Property Taxes	346.50						
Poll Taxes	56.00						
Interest Collected	1,077.57						
	$34,265.71	$624.15	$265.46	$1,012.39	$59.90	$26.35	$40.71
— CR. —							
Remittances to Treasurer:							
Property Taxes	$29,648.22	$ 6.15	$ 37.41	$ 343.84	$	$	$
Poll Taxes	465.00	16.00	10.00				
Yield Taxes	1,555.68	180.00					
Interest	1,077.57						
Abatements Allowed:							
Property Taxes	179.55						
Poll Taxes	126.00						
Yield Taxes	105.70						
Discounts Allowed	26.12						
Uncollected Taxes:							
Property Taxes	805.78	18.00	106.05	582.55	15.90	16.35	38.71
Poll Taxes	24.00	86.00	112.00	86.00	44.00	10.00	2.00
Yield Taxes	252. 09	318.00					
	$34,265.71	$624.15	$265.46	$1,012.39	$59.90	$26.35	$40.71

DIVISION OF MUNICIPAL ACCOUNTING
STATE TAX COMMISSION

Concord, New Hampshire
February 10, 1954

Certificate of Audit

This is to certify that we have examined and audited the accounts and records of the Town of Belmont for the fiscal year ended December 31, 1953. In our opinion the Exhibits included herewith reflect the true financial condition of the Town of Belmont on December 31, 1953, together with the results of operations for the fiscal year ended on that date.

Harold G. Fowler
Director
DIVISION OF MUNICIPAL ACCOUNTING
STATE TAX COMMISSION

Herbert E. Hunt, Auditor
Robert W. Flanders, Accountant

WATER DEPARTMENT

DETAILED STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS

1953

Jan.	1	Cash on hand		3,117.77
	8	Tilton Const. Co., 2-6"—90° Bends	25.94	
			25.94	3,143.71
Feb.	6	George A. Caldwell Co., supplies	219.06	
		Builders Prov. Inc., supplies	558.21	
		Lyle R. Heath, water tax	1,402.53	
			2,179.80	5,323.51
March		No Receipts in March		
Apr.	15	A. Stiller, junk	120.69	
	28	Lyle R. Heath, hydrant rental	2,320.00	
			2,440.69	7,764.20
May	18	Lyle R. Heath, water tax	658.26	
	28	Town of Belmont, temporary loan	500.00	
		Town of Belmont, refund on W. H. tax	202.80	
			1,361.06	9,125.26
June	11	Palmer Plumbing Supply, refund	3.40	
	20	Lyle R. Heath, water tax	571.67	
			575.07	9,700.33
July	2	Geo. E. Trudell Co., refund	75.20	
			75.20	9,775.53
Aug.	4	Lyle R. Heath, water tax	607.21	
	29	Lyle R. Heath, water tax	1,510.63	
			2,117.84	11,893.37
Sept.		No Receipts		11,893.37
Oct.		No Receipts		11,893.37
Nov.		No Receipts		11,893.37

Dec.	12	Lyle R. Heath, water tax	804.58	
	31	Lyle R. Heath, water tax	703.35	
		Wilson S. Mansfield, Social Security	1.50	
			1,509.43	13,402.80

Respectfully submitted,
WILSON S. MANSFIELD,
Treasurer

DETAILED STATEMENT OF PAYMENTS
BELMONT WATER WORKS
1953

Administration

New Hampshire Water Works Assoc., dues	$5.00	
Russell H. Cushing, labor and expense	15.15	
Edson C. Eastman, supplies	30.00	
Lyle R. Heath, stamps	5.00	
Donald J. Leith, water test	12.00	
Wilson S. Mansfield, salary and expense	150.00	
Russell H. Cushing, expense	8.30	
N. H. Water Works Assoc., dues	5.00	
Alta Heath, collecting water tax	84.49	
		$314.94

Production

Belmont Hosiery Co., electric power	729.41	
New England Tel. & Tel. Co., line to pump house	65.00	
Fred's Filling Station, oil and supplies	4.20	
Laconia Electric Co., repairing motor	54.75	
		853.36

Distribution

Philip Bryant, labor	424.36
Leon Parent, labor	11.81
Robert Leroux, labor	29.53
Harold Reed, labor	21.77
Ralph Greene, labor	6.89

Wilson Mansfield, labor	3.00	
Foster Construction, labor and equipment	14.00	
Laconia Water Co., parts	7.29	
George N. Greenwood, parts and labor	7.20	
Palmer Plumbing Supply, parts	3.40	
		529.25

Interest

Peoples Nat'l Bank, coupons, int. service chg.	1,069.61	
Nat'l Shawmut Bank, service charges	10.00	
First Nat'l Bank of Boston, interest	1,215.50	
		2,295.11

Indebtedness

Peoples Nat'l Bank, bonds	2,000.00	
First Nat'l Bank of Boston, bonds	1,600.00	
Town of Belmont, loan	500.00	
		4,100.00

Insurance

Boutin Insurance Agency	56.00	
		56.00

New Construction and Improvements

Tilton and Northfield Aqueduct Co., fittings	27.67	
Tilton Construction Co., construction	3,209.40	
Willey's Express, trucking	42.27	
		3,279.34

Unclassified

The F. and M. Co., engineering	444.21	
Register of Deeds, deeds	6.80	
Belmont Full Gospel Assembly, rebate	32.52	
Robert Y. Johnson, Atty., legal services	72.00	
Director of Internal Revenue, withholding tax	241.60	
Treas. State of N. H., Social Security	21.04	
		818.17
		$12,246.17

Respectfully submitted,

WILSON S. MANSFIELD,
Treasurer

TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUNDS ACCOUNT OF OLD CEMETERIES

Cr.

1953			
Jan. 1	Amount on hand	$103.98	
Dec. 30	Rec'd from Town of Belmont as 1953 appropriation	125.00	
	Total		$228.98

Dr.

1953			
Sept. 16	Pd. Country Store for 2 rolls fence and 15 steel posts	60.00	
	Total paid out		$60.00
Dec. 3	Cash on hand		168.98
	Total		$228.98

TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUNDS ACCOUNT

December 31, 1953

Cr.

1953		
Jan. 1	Cash on hand (Check Book)	$591.30
Mar. 25	Rec'd from Fidelity Fund Inc.	
	On John Sargent Fund, as interest	77.00
	On John Sargent Fund as Capital gain	16.56
Apr. 1	Rec'd from Broad Street Corp. 1st quarter dividend on Stevens Fifield Fund	20.50
	Rec'd from Broad Street Corp. 1st quarter dividend on Dora Riley Fund	1.50

	1st quarter dividend on	
	Geo. Fifield Fund	13.25
	1st quarter dividend on	
	Abbie Fifield Fund	10.00
	1st quarter dividend on	
	Dr. Edwin P. Hodgdon Fund	2.00
	1st quarter dividend on	
	John Sargent Fund	26.25
	1st quarter dividend on	
	Kate Wells Fund	10.00
June 25	Rec'd from Fidelity Fund Inc.	
	2nd quarter dividend on	
	John Sargent Fund	77.00
June 27	Rec'd from Addie Case Est. the sum of	
	$200.00 to be known as the Addie	
	Case Fund for care of the Ellen	
	Smith lot No. 119 in So. Rd. cemetery	200.00
July 1	Rec'd from Broad Street Corp.	
	2nd quarter dividend on	
	Stevens Fifield Fund	20.50
	Kate Wells Fund	10.00
	John Sargent Fund	26.25
	Dr. E. P. Hodgdon Fund	2.00
	Dora Riley Fund	1.50
	Abbie Fifield Fund	10.00
	Geo. Fifield Fund	13.25
July 23	Rec'd from Laconia Savings Bank	209.00
Aug. 10	Rec'd from Dora Riley as Trust Fund for	
	care of lot in So. Rd. Cem.	50.00
Sept. 25	Rec'd from Fidelity Fund Inc.	
	3rd quarter dividend on	
	John Sargent Fund	77.00
	Addie Case Fund	2.00
	Dora Riley Fund	.60
Sept. 28	Rec'd from Laconia Savings Bank	
	Ella Bean Fund	20.00
	James N. Hall Fund	28.00
Sept. 30	Rec'd from Broad Street Corp. as	
	3rd quarterly dividend on	
	Dora Riley Fund	1.50
	Dr. E. P. Hodgdon Fund	2.00
	Stevens Fifield Fund	20.50
	Geo. Fifield Fund	13.25

	Abbie Fifield Fund	10.00
	John Sargent Fund	26.25
	Kate Wells Fund	10.00
Dec. 24	Rec'd from Fidelity Fund Inc. as 4th quarter dividend on	
	Dora Riley Fund	.90
	Addie Case Fund	3.00
	John Sargent Fund	115.50
Dec. 28	Rec'd from Broad Street Corp. as 4th quarter dividend on	
	John Sargent Fund	38.85
	Geo Fifield Fund	19.61
	Stevens Fifield Fund	30.34
	Abbie Fifield Fund	14.80
	Dora Riley Fund	2.22
	Kate Wells Fund	14.80
	Dr. E. P. Hodgdon Fund	2.96
28	Rec'd from Broad Street Corp. as Capital gain on	
	Dr. E. P. Hodgdon Fund	3.68
	Kate Wells Fund	18.40
	Dora Riley Fund	2.76
	Abbie Fifield Fund	18.40
	Stevens Fifield Fund	16.15
	Geo. Fifield Fund	2.81
	John Sargent Fund	5.16
	Total	$1,909.30

Dr.

1953		
May 23	Pd. South Road Cemetery Assn. from Stevens Fifield Fund	$104.04
July 11	Pd. Fidelity Fund Inc. for 10 shares @ $18.80 for Addie Case Fund	188.00
22	Pd. South Road Cemetery Assn. from Abbie Fifield Fund	50.00
	Pd. Walter Sanborn for care of Wells lot in Highland Cemetery	12.00
	Pd. Prescott Flower Shop for flowers	
	Geo. Fifield Fund	10.00
	Samuel Knowles Fund	2.00
	Pd. Union Cemetery Assn. care of Ella Dearborn lot	3.00

	Pd. Chester Couch for care of Fifield lot from Geo. Fifield Fund	14.00
	Pd. Chester Couch for care of Dr. Hodgdon lot	4.00
	Pd. Chester Couch for care of Riley lot	4.00
	Pd. Chester Couch for care of 31 lots having perpetual care	114.00
	Pd. Walter Sanborn for care of Electa Currier lot	2.00
	Pd. South Road Cemetery Assn. from Geo. Fifield Fund	10.00
Aug. 8	Pd. Belmont Public Library for John Sargent Fund	111.84
27	Pd. The First New Hampshire Corp. for 3 shares of Fidelity Fund Inc. at $18.94 for Dora Riley Fund	56.82
Sept. 21	Pd. South Road Cemetery Assn. from Abbie Fifield Fund	6.40
	Geo. Fifield Fund	39.30
	Stevens Fifield Fund	10.00
	Pd. Chester Couch for labor on Dr. E. P. Hodgdon lot	4.00
28	Pd. Chester Couch for labor on John Bean lot	20.00
	James N. Hall lot	28.00
Nov. 23	Pd. Marian Mansfield, Treas Belmont Public Library from John Sargent Fund	77.28
	Total	$960.68
Cash on hand on check book, Dec. 31, 1953		948.62
		$1,909.30

REPORT OF THE TRUST FUNDS

Created	Trust Funds—Purpose of Creation	How Invested	Balance Begin. Year	New Funds Created	Capital Gain Dividends	Balance End Year	Bal. Begin. Year	Income During Year	Expend. During Year	Bal. End Year
1902	Sylvia A. Walcott Fund, care of lot on Kinsley Hall Farm	Laconia Sav. Bk.	100.00			100.00	34.74	4.05		38.79
1907	Stevens Fifield Fund, care of lot in South Road Cemetery	Broad Street Investing Corp.	2,029.29		44.88	2,074.17	33.21	91.84	104.04	21.01
1909	W. H. Sanborn Fund, care of lot in Highland Cemetery	Laconia Sav. Bk.	75.00			75.00	28.39	3.11	3.00	28.50
1909	John S. Folsom Fund, care of lot in Highland Cemetery	Laconia Sav. Bk.	100.00			100.00	92.49	5.81		98.30
1910	Stephen Folsom Fund, care of lot in Highland Cemetery	Laconia Sav. Bk.	100.00			100.00	2.54	3.09	3.00	2.63
1916	James N. Hall Fund, care of lot in South Road Cemetery	Laconia Sav. Bk.	100.00			100.00	68.38	5.07	32.00	41.45
1916	Chas. E. Cate Fund, care of lot in Highland Cemetery	Laconia Sav. Bk.	300.00			300.00	116.56	12.57	10.00	119.13

Report of Trust Funds, continued

	Created Trust Funds—Purpose of Creation	How Invested	Balance Begin. Year	New Funds Created	Capital Gain Dividends	Balance End Year	Bal. Begin. Year	Income During Year	Expend. During Year	Bal. End Year
1917	John M. Folsom Fund, care of lot in Highland Cemetery	Laconia Sav. Bk.	100.00			100.00	15.53	3.49	4.00	15.02
1920-25	Geo. Fifield Fund, care of lot in South Road Cemetery	Broad Street Investing Corp.	1,296.93		37.85	1,334.78	21.32	59.36	73.30	7.38
1920	Silas Leavitt Fund, care of Joseph Leavitt Cemetery	Laconia Sav. Bk.	100.00			100.00	58.59	4.77		63.36
1921	Mrs. Louise Ingalls Fund, care of Hannah P. Brown lot in Highland Cemetery	Laconia Sav. Bk.	100.00			100.00	22.28	3.69	6.00	19.97
1921	Sarah E. Piper Fund, care of Piper & Sweatt lots in Highland Cemetery	Laconia Sav. Bk.	100.00			100.00	3.84	3.13	4.00	2.97
1921	D. W. Gale Fund, care of lot in Highland Cemetery	Laconia Sav. Bk.	100.00			100.00	1.25	3.05	3.00	1.30
1921	Blanche Weymouth Fund, care of lot in Highland Cemetery	Laconia Sav. Bk.	100.00			100.00	6.05	3.20	4.00	5.25

Report of Trust Funds, continued

Created	Trust Funds—Purpose of Creation	How Invested	Balance Begin. Year	New Funds Created	Capital Gain Dividends	Balance End Year	Bal. Begin. Year	Income During Year	Expend. During Year	Bal. End Year
1921	Lydia A. Willard Fund, care of lot in Highland Cemetery	Laconia Sav. Bk.	50.00			50.00	2.07	1.56	2.00	1.63
1921	Lillian M. Knowles Fund, care of lot in South Road Cemetery	Laconia Sav. Bk.	100.00			100.00	11.29	3.35	4.00	10.64
1922	Electa Currier Fund, care of lot in Mt. Auburn Cemetery	Laconia Sav. Bk.	100.00			100.00	65.15	4.99	2.00	68.14
1922	Etta H. Gilman Fund, care of half lot in South Road Cemetery	Laconia Sav. Bk.	50.00			50.00	1.50	1.55	2.00	1.05
1922	Happy Latty Fund, care of lot in South Road Cemetery	Laconia Sav. Bk.	100.00			100.00	8.21	3.26	4.00	7.47
1923	Mrs. Joseph Hall Fund, care of lot in Jamestown Cemetery	Laconia Sav. Bk.	50.00			50.00	24.45	2.24		26.69
1924	John A. Ladd Fund, care of lot in Highland Cemetery	Laconia Sav. Bk.	60.00			60.00	3.16	1.91	3.00	2.07
1924	Thomas Clark Fund, care of lot in	Laconia Sav. Bk.	60.00			60.00	2.67	1.88	2.00	2.55

Report of Trust Funds, continued

Created	Trust Funds—Purpose of Creation	How Invested	Balance Begin. Year	New Funds Created	Capital Gain Dividends	Balance End Year	Bal. Begin. Year	Income During Year	Expend. During Year	Bal. End Year
	Highland Cemetery									
1924	William Kilborn Fund, care of lot in Highland Cemetery	Laconia Sav. Bk.	121.32			121.32	25.72	4.45	6.00	24.17
1924	Marion & Clark Fund, care of lot in Highland Cemetery	Laconia Sav. Bk.	60.00			60.00	5.05	1.97	3.00	4.02
1924	Fred Brown Fund, care of lot in Highland Cemetery	Laconia Sav. Bk.	50.00			50.00	38.81	2.67	6.00	35.48
1924	William H. Morrill Fund, care of lot in Jamestown Cemetery	Laconia Sav. Bk.	100.00			100.00	18.39	3.57		21.96
1924	Fred A. Currier Fund, care of lot in Jamestown Cemetery	Laconia Sav. Bk.	200.00			200.00	38.97	7.20		46.17
1925	Cora E. Thompson Fund, care of Lot No. 54 in South Road Cemetery	Laconia Sav. Bk.	75.00			75.00	2.11	2.33	3.00	1.44
1926	Clara Lovejoy Fund, care of lot in Highland Cemetery	Laconia Sav. Bk.	100.00			100.00	7.69	3.25	6.00	4.94

Report of Trust Funds, continued

Created	Trust Funds—Purpose of Creation	How Invested	Balance Begin. Year	New Funds Created	Capital Gain Dividends	Balance End Year	Bal. Begin. Year	Income During Year	Expend. During Year	Bal. End Year
1926	Mattie C. Adams Fund, care of lot in Jamestown Cemetery	Laconia Sav. Bk.	20.00			20.00	7.02	.82		7.84
1927	Dana Maxfield Fund, care of lot in South Road Cemetery	Laconia Sav. Bk.	100.00			100.00	1.33	3.05	3.00	1.38
1927	C. S. Watson Fund, care of Batchelder lot in Highland Cemetery	Laconia Sav. Bk.	50.00			50.00	2.90	1.58	2.00	2.48
1928	W. C. Wells Fund, care of Lot No. 12, Highland Cemetery	Laconia Sav. Bk.	100.00			100.00	9.09	3.29	5.00	7.38
1928	Etta Gilman Fund, care of lot in South Road Cemetery									
	Etta Gilman Fund, care of C. S. Gilman lot in South Road Cemetery	Laconia Sav. Bk.	100.00			100.00	2.02	3.08	4.00	1.10
1930	A. L. West Fund, care of Lot No. 62, in South Road Cemetery	Laconia Sav. Bk.	100.00			100.00	12.78	3.39	4.00	12.17

Report of Trust Funds, continued

Created	Trust Funds—Purpose of Creation	How Invested	Balance Begin. Year	New Funds Created	Capital Gain Dividends	Balance End Year	Bal. Begin. Year	Income During Year	Expend. During Year	Bal. End Year
1938	Lettie M. Hall Fund, care of Lot 181 in South Road Cemetery	Laconia Sav. Bk.	100.00			100.00	4.85	3.15	4.00	4.00
1939	M. Jennie Small Fund, care of Small & Gammon lots in South Road Cemetery	Laconia Sav. Bk.	103.17			103.17	2.60	3.19	3.00	2.79
1939	Mabel A. D. Clarke Fund, care of Lot 131 in South Road Cemetery	Laconia Sav. Bk.	200.00			200.00	38.13	7.19	4.00	41.32
1939	Sadie Pelham Fund, care of Lillian Hull lot in South Road Cemetery	Laconia Sav. Bk.	100.00			100.00	2.46	3.08	4.00	1.54
1940	Nahum E. Sanborn Fund, care of lot in South Road Cemetery	Laconia Sav. Bk.	100.00			100.00	1.36	3.05	4.00	.41
1940	Edna French Fund, care of Moses Lyford lot in South Road Cemetery	Laconia Sav. Bk.	100.00			100.00	4.62	3.15	4.00	3.77
1940	William B. Courser Fund, care of Courser lot in South Road Cemetery	Laconia Sav. Bk.	200.00			200.00	21.41	6.68	4.00	24.09

Report of Trust Funds, continued Created Trust Funds—Purpose of Creation		How Invested	Balance Begin. Year	New Funds Created	Capital Gain Dividends	Balance End Year	Bal. Begin. Year	Income During Year	Expend. During Year	Bal. End Year
1930	Laurantine Sanborn Fund, care of Lot No. 88, South Road Cemetery	Laconia Sav. Bk.	100.00			100.00	3.90	3.13	4.00	3.03
1930	John Bean Est., Mrs. Ella Bean, care of Lot No. 33, South Road Cemetery	Laconia Sav. Bk.	100.00			100.00	26.17	3.81	24.00	5.98
1930	Fred Bickford Fund, care of lot in South Road Cemetery	Laconia Sav. Bk.	50.00			50.00	.65	1.52	2.00	.17
1933	Samuel Knowles Fund, care of Lots No. 84 & 26 in South Road Cemetery	Laconia Sav. Bk.	300.00			300.00	7.93	9.29	10.00	7.22
1933	Jeremiah Kimball Fund, care of Lot No. 50 in South Road Cemetery	Laconia Sav. Bk.	50.00			50.00	.65	1.52	2.00	.17
1933	Abbie Fifield Fund, care of lot in South Road Cemetery	Broad Street Investing Corp.	980.40		56.00	1,036.40	16.40	44.80	56.40	4.80
1934	Ada B. Hudson Fund, care of lot in South Road Cemetery	Laconia Sav. Bk.	100.00			100.00	9.70	3.31		13.01

Report of Trust Funds, continued

Created	Trust Funds—Purpose of Creation	How Invested	Balance Begin. Year	New Funds Created	Capital Gain Dividends	Balance End Year	Bal. Begin. Year	Income During Year	Expend. During Year	Bal. End Year
1934	V. Estelle Sanborn Fund, care of lot in Highland Cemetery	Laconia Sav. Bk.	100.00			100.00	14.54	3.45	4.00	13.99
1934	Harriet S. Leonard Fund, care of D. R. Hurd lot in Highland Cemetery	Laconia Sav. Bk.	100.00			100.00	8.14	3.26	4.00	7.40
1934	Mrs. Chas. Richards Fund, care of Lot 179 in South Road Cemetery	Laconia Sav. Bk.	100.00			100.00	1.80	3.07	4.00	.87
1935	Mary Page Fund, care of Chase lot in South Road Cemetery	Laconia Sav. Bk.	50.00			50.00	11.93	1.85	2.00	11.78
1935	Asa Gile Fund, care of lot in Jamestown Cemetery	Laconia Sav. Bk.	100.00			100.00	23.41	3.73		27.14
1935	Otis Sanborn Fund, care of Lot 35 in Highland Cemetery	Laconia Sav. Bk.	100.00			100.00	8.86	3.27	5.00	7.13
1938	Geo. P. Dearborn Fund, care of lot in South Road Cemetery	Laconia Sav. Bk.	100.00			100.00	6.10	3.20	4.00	5.30

Report of Trust Funds, continued

Created	Trust Funds—Purpose of Creation	How Invested	Balance Begin. Year	New Funds Created	Capital Gain Dividends	Balance End Year	Bal. Begin. Year	Income During Year	Expend. During Year	Bal. End Year
1942	Vinson E. Hadley Fund, care of Hadley Cemetery, Province Road	Laconia Sav. Bk.	200.00			200.00	40.54	7.26		47.80
1942	Ethelburt Sayward Fund, care of Woodman Cemetery	Laconia Sav. Bk.	100.00			100.00	3.69	3.13		6.82
1942	Benjamin Mudgett Fund, care of lot in South Road Cemetery	Laconia Sav. Bk.	50.00			50.00	.65	1.52	2.00	.17
1938	Fred L. & Geo. Hancock Fund, care of lot in South Road Cemetery	Laconia Sav. Bk.	200.00			200.00	30.59	6.96	4.00	33.55
1944	Sarah Lamprey Fund, care of Lamprey Cemetery, Province Road	Laconia Sav. Bk.	250.00			250.00	31.14	8.50		39.64
1944	Mabel A. D. Clark Fund, care of Lot 134 in South Road Cemetery	Laconia Sav. Bk.	200.00			200.00	9.78	6.32	4.00	12.10
1946	Kate C. Wells Fund, care of lot in Highland Cemetery	Broad Street Investing Corp.	980.40		56.00	1,036.40	114.31	44.80	12.00	147 11

Report of Trust Funds, continued

Created	Trust Funds—Purpose of Creation	How Invested	Balance Begin. Year	New Funds Created	Capital Gain Dividends	Balance End Year	Bal. Begin. Year	Income During Year	Expend. During Year	Bal. End Year
1946	Etta B. Dearborn Fund, care of lot in Union Cemetery, Laconia, N. H.	Laconia Sav. Bk.	100.00			100.00	1.33	3.05	3.00	1.38
1947	Alvin Clark Fund, care of Samuel Clark lot in Bean Hill Cemetery	Laconia Sav. Bk.	200.00			200.00	9.23	6.32		15.55
1947	Alvin Clark Fund, care of Clark lot in South Road Cemetery	Laconia Sav. Bk.	200.00			200.00	5.48	6.20	4.00	7.68
1948	John Sargent Fund, Town of Belmont	Fidelity Fund	7,573.50		20.26	7,593.76	178.60	346.50	189.12	335.98
1948	John Sargent Fund, Town of Belmont	Broad Street Investing Corp.	2,612.49		6.69	2,619.18	78.57	117.60		196.17
1948	Helen Thurley Fund, care of John A. Ladd lot in Highland Cemetery	Laconia Sav. Bk.	50.00			50.00	2.27	1.58	2.00	1.85
1949	Abbie Young Head Fund, care of Bailey Young Cemetery, Province Rd.	Laconia Sav. Bk.	200.00			200.00	8.23	6.29		14.52
1950	Josiah L. Cate Fund, care of lot in South Road Cemetery	Laconia Sav. Bk.	200.00			200.00	7.10	5.50	4.00	8.60

Report of Trust Funds, continued

Created Trust Funds—Purpose of Creation		How Invested	Balance Begin. Year	New Funds Created	Capital Gain Dividends	Balance End Year	Bal. Begin. Year	Income During Year	Expend. During Year	Bal. End Year
1950	Mary Clifford Fund, care of Lot 146 in South Road Cemetery	Laconia Sav. Bk.	100.00			100.00	2.81	3.09	4.00	1.90
1951	Blanche Weymouth Fund No. 2, care of Lots 4 & 10 in Highland Cemetery	Laconia Sav. Bk.	100.00			100.00	2.02	3.08	3.00	2.10
1951	Herbert C. Adams Fund, care of Adams and Wilder Lot, South Road Cemetery	Laconia Sav. Bk.	200.00			200.00	3.00	6.14	3.00	6.14
1952	Daisy Sawyer Fund, care of Lot No. 122 in South Road Cemetery	Laconia Sav. Bk	200.00			200.00	1.00	6.08	4.00	3.08
1952	Dr. Edwin P. Hodgdon Fund, care of lot in South Road Cemetery	Broad Street Investing Corp.	196.08		11.20	207.28	5.12	8.96	8.00	6.08
1952	Dora Riley Fund, care of lot in South Road Cemetery	Broad Street Investing Corp.	141.54		7.10	148.64	2.46	6.72	4.00	5.18
1953	Addie Case Fund, care of Lot. No. 119 in South Road Cemetery	Fidelity Fund		188.00	12.00	200.00		5.00		5.00
1953	Dora Riley Fund, care of Lot. No. 163 in South Road Cemetery	Fidelity Fund		56.82		56.82		1.50		1.50

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF THE PUBLIC LIBRARY

Cash on hand 12/31/52		$736.62
Town Appropriation	$1,000.00	
Duffy Fund	697.94	
Rent of Memorial Hall	62.00	
Trustee of Trust Fund, Town of Belmont	189.12	
		1,949.06
		$2,685.68
Librarian	$440.00	
Assistant Librarian	60.75	
Janitor	120.00	
Books	532.15	
Magazines	45.00	
Belmont Hosiery (lights)	34.20	
Belmont Hosiery (heat)	387.72	
Water Rent	31.89	
Insurance	73.69	
Repairs	38.31	
Miscellaneous Expense & Supplies	72.83	
Expenses of Librarian at Institute	3.50	
P. O. Box Rental	3.30	
Treasurer's Expense	10.00	
Service Charge and Exam. of Trust Fund	22.18	
Book Lost—Extension Div. State Library	1.20	
		1,876.72
Amount on hand December 31, 1953		$808.96

MARION P. MANSFIELD,
CARRIE W. CUSHING,
Trustees.

REPORT OF LIBRARIAN
YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31st, 1953

Circulation		
Adults	2,943	
Juvenile	1,607	
Magazines	172	
Total	4,722	
Received for dues		$42.89
Paid out for Books	$13.14	
Magazines	8.45	
Assistant	4.15	
Postage	4.03	
Sundries	13.12	
		$42.89

ANTOINETTE N. HAGGETT,
Librarian

REPORT OF FOREST FIRE WARDEN

People play A Vital Part in Our Forest Fire Problems

A preview of the 1953 fire season proves the vital part people play in the never ending battle to prevent forest fires.

In this fire district there 133 fires in 26 of the district's 30 towns; 409 acres were burned over and it cost $9499.97 to extinguish them. This figure was reduced somewhat through payment of fire costs by persons responsible for illegal fires, fires which escaped from control, and fires caused by their carelessness. Costs were abnormally high this year due to protracted periods of dry weather which increased the difficulty of extinguishing fires.

Eighty-eight percent of the 133 fires were man-caused and could have been prevented. They tell a story which needs to be carefully studied. Some people were careless in disposing of smoking material and camp fires; others burned without the required warden permit—disregarding weather, forest conditions, and the normal safeguads recognized and considered by the warden in issuing permits. Other fires resulted from children playing with matches, carelessly handled fireworks, faulty railroad and truck equipment, etc.

These fires cost a lot to extinguish, most of which could have been avoided—this affects taxes; local business was interrupted by men leaving their jobs to extinguish the fires; trees that might otherwise have built houses, repaired bridges, and supplied raw materials for local industries were destroyed; seedling growth—the future timber crop was wiped out.

This picture can, however, be reversed, if people who offend could be impressed with the importance of observing

the simple but essential common sense safeguards that will prevent forest fires.They are:

1. Care in disposing of lighted cigars, cigarettes and matches in and near woodlands.
2. Care in selecting camp fire sites and completely extinguishing all fires.
3. Consultation with the local forest fire warden before burning to secure the required permit.

People play a vital part in our forest fire problem.

It is EVERYONE'S job to HELP PREVENT FOREST FIRES!

Number of Fires	3
Acreage Burned	6¼
No. Fire Permits Issued	114

CLEMENT HAMILTON,
Forest Fire Warden

REPORT OF WINNISQUAM FIRE DEPARTMENT

To the Town of Belmont:

The Winnisquam Fire Dept. Inc. takes great pleasure to report that since 1952 it has installed a two way radio on the same wave length as Laconia.

Belmont calls answered by the Winnisquam Fire Department 1953.

Feb. 18—Tom Horn, Winnisquam—chimney fire, no damage.
Mar. 19—Country store, Winnisquam, no damage.
Apr. 14—Vachon farm, Jamestown—grass fire, no damage.
Apr. 23—Wilbur Cate, Belmont—Chimney fire, $20.00 damage.
May 3—Lawrence Dupont, Winnisquam—brush fire, no damage.
May 5—Elwin Reneau, Union Road—grass fire, no damage.
June 2—Mile Hill—brush fire.
Sept. 23—Oscar Bowles, Ladd Hill—chimney fire, no damage.
Nov. 14—Weston's Farm, Jamestown—oil burner, $10.00 damage.

Ernest F. Woodman, Deputy Chief, Sanbornton
Frank B. Swain, Sanbornton
Harry Borden, Tilton
T. E. Horn, Belmont
Ellis Blaisdell, Clerk-Treas., Belmont.

REPORT OF BELMONT FIRE DEPARTMENT

1953

The Belmont Fire Department reports that in the past year the town of Belmont had less fire calls, than any of the years in the past, and the credit goes to the people of the town in being so careful of fires. The town had no loss of any buildings in the year 1953.

The Ford truck which was given the fire department last year has been fixed as a tanker, has a front end pump, 640 gal. tank, two-way radio installed. It has been fixed up by the members of the fire department out of their own money which they had raised in raffles, etc., at a cost of about $800.00. The town has now a good up to date fire equipment consisting of a 1937, hook and ladder truck, 1950 tank truck, 800 gal. tank equipped

with two way radio, booster line and 1,000 feet of 1½ in. hose, front end pumper, 1951 tank truck, 640 gal. tank, front end pumper, two way radio and 500 ft. of 1½ in .hose.

Report of fires in 1953

Chimney fires		8
Building fires—		
2 in Town		
1 in Laconia		
1 in Sanbornton		
Brush fires	3	
Grass fires	3	
Dump fires	2	

HOWARD REED, Fire Chief
THOMAS ROACH, Deputy Chief
WILSON MANSFIELD, 1st Lieutenant
ROBERT BOUDREAU, Clerk and Treasurer

POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT

			December 31, 1953
No. complaints, July 1 to Dec. 31			107
Laconia Court	8	8	Convictions
Tilton Court	1	1	Conviction

Summary of Arrests

2—Failing to stop for Red Light and Stop Signs
2—Unreasonable speed
1—Failing to keep to the right of yellow line (accident)
1—Hit and Run—Property Damage
1—Operating under the influence of Liquor
1—Petty Larceny

Erected 18 Street Signs on the streets in the village. The remainder in the town to be erected this year if money is raised as recommended in town budget.

The following list of men have been appointed to help in emergencies that may occur in the town of Belmont.

David Riccard, Jr.
Orin Page
Clifford Robichaud (Truant Officer)
Harold Strople
Rolland Kimball (Winnisquam)

DONALD J. LEITH, Act. Chief

REPORT OF HEALTH DEPARTMENT

No. Water Test taken in 1953
12—12 OK. From Town Pump
24—18 OK. 6 Samples showed signs of contamination

These samples were taken from wells or springs located at residences outside the town. Water can be the cause of many different types of sickness, so for better health make sure your well or spring is in first class condition.

Number Complaints	44	
Children bitten by dogs		4
Needed Medical attention		3
Polio Cases		1
Scarlet Fever		1

DONALD J. LEITH, Health Officer.

REPORT OF STATE BOARD OF HEALTH

Number clinics held	3
Number attended	50
Number found with defects	9
Number found with defects	9

Number immunized—50; 15—infants, 35—pre-school.

JOANNA M. CARTER, R. N.
Staff Nurse

OFFICERS OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT

MODERATOR

STANLEY F. HILL

CLERK

MARION K. WUELPER

TREASURER

WILSON S. MANSFIELD

AUDITOR

RUSSELL W. CUSHING

SCHOOL BOARD

Roland S. Kimball	Term Expires 1954
Richard W. Weston	Term Expires 1955
Mrs. Suzanne S. Roberts	Term Expires 1956

SCHOOL NURSE

HARRIET E. STONE
R.F.D. #1
Tilton, N. H.

Telephone—Office:	Tilton 531
Home:	Tilton 6115

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

GORDON L. FOX
Tilton, N. H.

Telephone—Office:	Tilton 207
Home:	Tilton 557

Regular meetings, School Board, First Tuesday of each month, 8:00 P. M.

SCHOOL WARRANT

THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

To the Inhabitants of the School District of the town of Belmont qualified to vote in district affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Community Hall in said district on the sixth day of March 1954, at two o'clock in the afternoon, to act upon the following subjects:

1. To choose a Moderator for the ensuing year.

2. To choose a Clerk for the ensuing year.

3. To choose a Member of the School Board for the ensuing three years.

4. To choose a Treasurer for the ensuing year.

5. To determine and appoint the salaries of the School Board and Truant Officer, and fix the compensation of any other officers or agent of the district.

6. To hear the reports of Agents, Auditors, Committees, or Officers chosen and pass any vote relating thereto.

7. To choose Agents, Auditors and Committees in relation to any subject embraced in this warrant.

8. To see what sum of money the district will raise and appropriate for the support of schools, for the salaries of school district officials and agents, and for the payment of statutory obligations of the district, and to authorize the application against said appropriation of such sums as are estimated to be received from the state foundation aid fund together with other income; the school board to certify to the selectmen the balance between the estimated revenue and the appropriation, which balance is to be raised by taxes by the town.

9. To transact any other business which may legally come before this meeting.

Given under our hands at said Belmont this second day of February 1954.

ROLAND S. KIMBALL
RICHARD W. WESTON School Board
SUZANNE S. ROBERTS

FINANCIAL REPORT BELMONT SCHOOL DISTRICT

For the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 1953

RECEIPTS

Cash on Hand June 30, 1952			$4,788.10
Appropriation 1952-53		$46,011.01	
State Aid		6,894.74	
Tuition:			
Canterbury School District		225.00	
Gilmanton School District		675.00	
State of New Hampshire			
Federal Aid to Home Economics		296.89	
Federal Aid to School Lunch		1,052.10	
Sale of Supplies		208.24	
Refunds:			
Telephone	14.11		
Belmont School Lunch	8.08		
Faulkners'	2.93		
Scholastic	2.00		
University of Nebraska	14.60		
Clifford Robichaud	50.00		
		91.72	55,454.70
Total Receipts			$60,242.80

EXPENDITURES

1. Salaries of School District Officers:		
Helena L. Bryant, School Board	$60.00	
Roland S. Kimball, School Board	60.00	
Richard W. Weston, School Board	60.00	
Wilson S. Mansfield, Treasurer	60.00	
Russell Cushing, Auditor	2.00	
Stanley Hill, Moderator	2.00	
Wuelper, Marion K., Clerk	2.00	
		246.00
2. *Superintendent's Salary (Local Share) Treasurer, Supervisory Union		785.40
3. Tax on State-wide Supervision: Treasurer, State of New Hampshire		640.00

4.	Salaries of Other Administrative Personnel:		
	Treasurer, Supervisory Union	911.82	
	Mary Osgood, Census	50.00	
	Clifford Robichaud, Truant Officer	100.00	1,061.82
*	Total salary of superintendent was $6475. School districts paid: Tilton-Northfield $1898.40, Gilford $802.20, Belmont $785.40; Gilmanton $441.00, Canterbury $273.00, State of New Hampshire paid $2275.00.		
5.	Supplies and Expenses:		
	Brown & Saltmarsh	$ 12.48	
	Howell Business Service	11.15	
	Wilson S. Mansfield	20.00	
	New England Tel. & Tel. Co.	182.16	
	Telephone Reimbursement	42.79	
	Treasurer, Supervisory Union	294.54	
			563.12
6.	Principals' and Teachers' Salaries:		28,956.73
7.	Books and Other Instructional Aids:		
	Allyn and Bacon, Inc.	$ 94.52	
	C. C. Birchard Co.	129.20	
	Ginn and Co.	207.93	
	Harcourt, Brace & Co., Inc.	16.86	
	Houghton Mifflin Co.	8.78	
	Iroquois Pub. Co., Inc.	54.54	
	Kenworthy Edu. Serv. Inc.	4.25	
	Charles A Merrill Co.	8.72	
	Petty Cash	50.00	
	Republic Book Co.	67.57	
	Scott, Foresman & Co.	49.93	
	Silver Burdett Co.	55.03	
	South-Western Pub. Co.	52.82	
	World Book Co.	14.64	
			814.79
8.	Scholars' Supplies:		
	Activities	$ 4.00	
	American Education Press	100.00	
	S. F. Baker	5.95	
	Beaudette & Co., Inc.	17.52	
	Beckley-Cardy Co.	55.31	
	Belmont Athletic Fund	4.50	
	Boston Music Company	17.30	
	Diamond Match Co.	309.55	
	Fred's Filling Station	.90	
	The Grade Teacher	4.00	

	The Hamilton Pub. Co.	.75	
	J. L. Hammett Co.	.97	
	Harcourt, Brace & Co., Inc.	1.59	
	La Jeunesse	.70	
	Maher's Bookstore	14.00	
	Mainco Trading Co.	610.13	
	Milton Bradley Co.	19.19	
	National Geographic Society	4.65	
	James D. Osgood, Petty Cash	25.00	
	F. A. Owen, Pub. Co.	4.00	
	J. P. Pitman & Co.	6.50	
	Prescott's Pharmacy	28.90	
	Scholastic Magazine	125.20	
	Scott, Foresman & Co.	322.27	
	Singer Sewing Machine Co.	7.37	
	A. R. Tasker	33.11	
	Tri-State Office Equip. Co.	77.13	
	U. S. News & World Report	4.16	
	University of New Hampshire	.28	
	Vinton School Form	2.00	
			$1,806.93
10.	Supplies and Other Expenses:		
	Jerre Chase	$ 10.00	
	Charles A. Gove	125.00	
	J. L. Hammett Co.	15.68	
	C. S. Hammond Co.	45.85	
	Howell Business Service	42.75	
	The Modern Language Journal	4.00	
	N. H. School Board Association	5.00	
	Arthur Shedd	10.00	
	Vinton School Form Co.	7.60	
	World Book Co.	30.97	
			296.85

Operation of Plant

11.	Salary of Janitor:		
	Clifford Robichaud		2,377.30
12.	Fuel and Heat:		
	Peter Dutile		1,262.62
13.	Water, Light, Supplies and Expenses:		
	Belmont Hosiery	$433.32	
	Fred's Filling Station	19.85	
	Goodwin Paper Co.	93.85	
	J. L. Hammet Co.	2.14	

	J. I. Holcomb Mfg. Co.	53.50	
	Laconia Hardware	5.18	
	Carl Sanborn	12.00	
	Standard Brush & Mop Co.	15.76	
	Tilton Construction Co.	9.00	
	Town of Belmont	241.48	
	Tri-State Office Equip. Co.	3.00	
	Waxine Company	22.56	
	West & Co.	43.76	
			955.40

Maintenance of Plant

14.	Repairs and Replacements:		
	Diamond Match Co.	156.77	
	Fred's Filling Station	91.65	
	Olin Joslyn	42.90	
	Roland Kimball	15.00	
	George N. Greenwood	98.25	
	Laconia Electric Co.	201.53	
	Laconia Hardware Co.	419.89	
	Jack Landry	280.00	
	Maher's Bookstore	55.37	
	Masury-Young Co.	25.42	
	Omer Ouellette	100.27	
	Panther Oil & Grease Co.	60.80	
	Clifford Robichaud	18.25	
	Shepherd Furniture Co.	3.22	
	Singer Sewing Mach. Co.	32.16	
	William Stanley	85.00	
	Tri-State Office Equip Co.	6.00	
	J. Wiss & Sons Co.	1.65	
			1,694.13

Auxiliary Activities

15.	Health Supervision:		
	Corrine Greeley	10.00	
	Prescott's Pharmacy	7.15	
			17.15
16.	Transportation:		
	Gerard Camire	356.00	
	Milford Hislop	712.00	
	Laconia Street Railway	7,591.70	
	Louis Wuelper	955.70	
			9,615.40

17.	Tuition:		0.00
18.	Special Activities and Special Funds:		
	Belmont School Lunch	1,052.10	
	Horn's Dairy	1,008.08	
			2,060.18

Fixed Charges

19.	Retirement:		
	N. H. Teachers Retirement	$1,588.24	
	Treasurer, Supervisory Union	180.74	
			$1,768.98
20.	Insurance:		
	Boutin Insurance Agency		$1,198.24

Capital Outlay

22.	Additions and Improvements to Buildings:		
	Jack Landry	$110.00	
	Tilton Construction Co.	645.58	
			755.58
23.	New Equipment:		
	Baker's Remnant Store	4.95	
	George N. Greenwood	998.84	
	Laconia Hardware	19.95	
	Maher's Bookstore	107.75	
	Milton Bradley Co.	787.75	
	Royal Typewriter Co.	625.00	
	Science Kit	34.25	
			2,578.49

Debt and Interest

25.	Principal of Debt:	
	Laconia Savings Bank	675.00
26.	Interest on Debt:	
	Laconia Savings Bank	70.88
		$60,200.99
	Balance on Hand June 30, 1953	41.81
		$60,242.80

REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

To the Members of the School Board and Citizens of the Belmont School District:

The school enrollment problem led to a survey by Paul Farnum of the State Education Department concerning the relocation of grades and departments for the best interests of the school. His recommendations were as follows: (1) Home Economics at the Gale School (2) Industrial Arts at the Town Hall (3) two grade rooms at the high school. The School Board followed his recommendations and completed all renovations and installations within the school budget.

The Board of Fire Underwriters have inspected the two schools regularly and have found all existing conditions to be excellent, since the School Board has completed every recommendation made by them.

The addition of one elementary teacher has greatly improved conditions for the first six grades. The high school faces a serious problem in September 1954 with a large group entering Grade 7 and only a small class graduating.

The schools have been kept in repair with a fine maintenance program conducted by Mr. Roland Kimball and approved by the entire Board.

All supplies have been purchased and all installations made after public bids were requested and the low bidder received the award in all cases.

Enrollments on January 15, 1954

High School—Grade 1	28	Mrs. Louise J. Beckley
High School—Grades 1-2	35	Mrs. Louise M. Wilson
Grade 1 (7)		
Grade 2 (28)		
Gale School—Grades 2-3	36	Mrs. Dorothea L. Wells
Grade 2 (12)		
Grade 3 (24)		
Gale School—Grade 4	32	Principal, Horace S. Schnare

Gale School—Grade 5	24	Mrs. Eleanor H. Nelson
Gale School—Grade 6	30	Mrs. Evelyn M. Morgan
Junior High School		
Grade 7	31	
Grade 8	18	
High School		
Grade 9	21	
Grade 10	20	
Grade 11	13	
Grade 12	12	

Total enrollment in Belmont Schools—300

Private Pupils — Belmont Residents

St. Joseph

Ellsworth, Francis,	Kindergarten
Gilbert, Richard	"
Mellanson, Faye	"
Clairmont, Cheryl	Grade 1
Gilbert, Germaine	"
Moynihan, Wayne	"
Vachon, Allan	"
Lerous, Janet	Grade 2
Moynihan, Robert	Grade 3
Gilbert, Linda	Grade 4
Melanson, Richard	"
Moynihan, Kenneth	"
Poire, Vivian	"
Thibault, Robert	Grade 5
Moynihan, John	Grade 6
Thibault, Roland	Grade 7
Leroux, Lillian	Grade 8
Leroux, Lucille	"

St. John

Hamilton, Clement	Grade 1
Mooney, Kathleen	"
Corriveau, Suzanne	Grade 2
Poire, Peter	"
Mooney, Michael	Grade 4
Hawthorne, James	Grade 5
Corriveau, Patricia	Grade 6
Mooney, Joanne	"
Mooney, Linda	Grade 7
Mooney, Mark	Grade 8

Laconia Jr. High

Roeder, Stephen	Grade 8

Laconia High School

Roeder, David	Grade 11
Blaisdell, Alice	Grade 12

Area Vocational Pupils

Bishop, John	Grade 9
Cote, Raymond	"
Rowe, Clarice	Grade 11
Burnham, John	Grade 12
Hill, Joanne	"
Rowe, Richard	"

Graduates of Belmont High School, 1953

On Friday evening, June 12, 1953 the Class of 1953 of Belmont High School held their graduation program in the Community Hall. The graduation address "What are we After?" was given by Mr. Jere A. Chase, Executive Secretary—Memorial Fund Drive, University of New Hampshire. Mr. Richard W. Weston, Acting Chairman of the Belmont School Board presented diplomas to the following:

Donald Lewis Crockett
Clayton Marshall Danforth, Jr.
Joan Louise Dube
Alice Louise Ellsworth
Anna Elizabeth Jewett
Douglas Paul Monahan
Neil V. Moody
Wallace P. Rhodes
Everson Melvin Rogers

High School Tuition Rate

The tuition rate for Belmont High School for the 1954-55 school year will be $250.00.

Outstanding Indebtedness

Of the 20 bonds which were issued in 1937 by the School District for the construction of the Belmont High School, re-payable at $675.00 annually with 3 percent interest, there are still outstanding the following:

July 1, 1954		$20.25
January 1, 1955	675.00	20.25
July 1, 1955		10.12
January 1, 1956		
		10.12 Paid ni full

Insurance

	School	Contents
Insurance on Gale School	$34,100.00	$7,000.00
Insurance on High School	50,000.00	11,000.00

Belmont High School Staff

James D. Osgood, Principal
Roger Levasseur
Mary L. Murphy
Richard Reney
Lewis E. Woodman, Jr.

The teachers leaving the Belmont School System at the end of the 1952-53 school year were:

Socratis S. Clonaris
Mrs. Doris Durette
Mrs. Rachel E. Kidder
George Metalious
Aileen Michaels

The School Board has held regular and special meetings to study the problems of the school system of Belmont. The purpose has always been to use the Belmont budget for the best interests of the children.

May I, as your Superintendent, representing principals, teachers and employees extend personal thanks and appreciation to the citizens and parents of Belmont.

Cordially yours,

GORDON L. FOX
Superintendent of Schools

BUDGET OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF BELMONT

Expenditures Item	Adopted Budget 1952-53	Actual Expend. 1952-53	Adopted Budget 1953-54	School Board's Budget 1954-55	Budget Com. Budget 1954-55
Administration					
Salaries of district officers	$246.00	$246.00	$246.00	$246.00	$246.00
Supt.'s salary (local share)	785.40	785.40	772.80	765.67	765.67
Tax for state wide supervision	640.00	640.00	640.00	618.00	618.00
Salaries of other administrative personnel	986.82	1,061.82	972.18	955.50	955.50
Supplies and expenses	649.53	563.12	559.20	540.35	540.35
Instruction					
High school teachers' & principal's salaries	8,544.00	6,225.70	10,087.80	12,058.64	12,058.64
Elementary teachers' & principals' salaries	21,038.00	22,731.03	23,537.00	24,521.95	24,521.95
Books and other instruction aids, high	197.00	175.18	197.00	197.00	197.00
Books, and other instruction aids, elementary	703.00	639.61	703.00	703.00	703.00
Scholars' supplies, high	368.00	388.49	268.00	268.00	268.00
Scholars' supplies, elementary	1,332.00	1,418.44	1,232.00	1,232.00	1,232.00
Supplies and other expenses, high	275.00	233.03	275.00	275.00	275.00
Supplies and other expenses, elementary	75.00	63.82	75.00	75.00	75.00
Operation of School Plant					
Salaries of janitors, elementary	2,288.00	2,377.30	2,288.00	2,340.00	2,340.00
Fuel or heat, high	355.00	271.46	360.00	310.00	310.00
Fuel or heat, elementary	1,000.00	911.16	1,090.00	890.00	890.00
Water, light, supplies and expenses, high	242.00	205.41	242.00	242.00	242.00
Water, light, supplies and expenses, elementary	858.00	749.99	858.00	858.00	858.00

Maintenance of School Plant					
Repairs and replacements, high	900.00	364.24	1,000.00	500.00	500.00
Repairs and replacements, elementary	600.00	1,329.89	1,100.00	600.00	600.00
Auxiliary Activities					
Health supervision, high	55.00	3.69	55.00	55.00	55.00
Health supervision, elementary	200.00	13.46	200.00	200.00	200.00
Transportation, elementary	9,333.00	9,615.40	11,140.00	12,270.00	12,270.00
Special activities and special funds, elementary	800.00	1,060.18	800.00		
School lunch, elementary	1,000.00	1,000.00			
Fixed Charges					
Retirement, high	629.79	380.33	729.78	920.00	920.00
Retirement, elementary	1,200.00	1,388.65	1,344.00	1,750.09	1,750.09
Insurance, treas. bonds & expenses, elementary	343.00	1,198.24	739.52	615.31	615.31
Total Current Expenses (brought forward)	55,754.54	56,121.04	61,511.28	64,006.51	64,006.51
Capital Outlay					
Additions and improvements, elementary	750.00	755.58			
New equipment, high	300.00	554.38	1,552.60	729.12	729.12
New equipment, elementary	900.00	2,024.11			
Total Capital Outlay	1,950.00	3,334.07	1,552.60	729.12	729.12
Debt and Interest					
Principal of debt	675.00	675.00	675.00	675.00	675.00
Interest on debt	81.00	70.88	60.75	40.50	40.50
Total Debt and Interest	756.00	745.88	735.75	715.50	715.50
Budget Deficiency for 1953-54				1,825.00	1,825.00
TOTAL EXPENDITURES OR SCH. APPROP.	58,460.54	60,200.99	63,799.63	67,276.13	67,276.13

Receipts Item	Adopted Budget 1952-53	Actual Receipts 1952-53	Adopted Budget 1953-54	School Board's Budget 1954-55	Budget Com. Budget 1954-55
*Balance (actual or estimated)		4,788.10			
State aid	8,814.92	6,894.74	12,652.06	11,000.00	11,000.00
Federal aid	950.00	1,348.99	950.00	150.00	150.00
High school tuition		900.10			
Other		299.86			
TOT. REC'TS OTHER THAN PROP. TAXES	9,764.92	14,231.79	13,602.06	11,150.00	11,150.00
DIST. ASSESSMENT RAISED OR TO BE RAISED BY PROPERTY TAXES	48,695.62		50,197.57	56,126.13	56,126.13
TOTAL APPROP. VOTED BY SCH. DIST.	$58,460.54		$63,799.63	$67,276.13	$67,276.13

Special Appropriations to be Financed by Bond Issues, Serial Notes or Capital Reserve Funds—None

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